

purpose and law that will protect our citizens, defend our interests, preserve our values, and bequeath to future generations a legacy as proud as the one we honor today.

To that mission, I pledge my own best efforts and summon yours. Thank you very, very much.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ENTERPRISE STEAMER COMPANY'S SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF WALDEN AND WALDEN FIRE DISTRICT

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 1997

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Enterprise Steamer Company's 125th anniversary of devoted service to the village of Walden and the Walden fire district. A parade will be held on June 14th in honor of the Enterprise Steamer Company's dedication to the village.

On June 11, 1872, the Walden Village trustees purchased the button steam fire engine. Shortly thereafter, the late Thomas W. Bradley used it to organize the Enterprise Steamer Company No. 2. This vehicle is a vital part of home town parades in the village of Walden, as it has been for 125 years.

Like the button steamer, there are also several members of the company who have been instrumental in its affairs. Former Chief Richard Tenney has been active in the company for 68 years and is currently its oldest living member; consequently, Mr. Tenney is one of the few who saw the button steamer in operation. Other long time members include another previous chief, Robert Goldsmith, who has served for 44 years, Lawrence Shaffer, who has worked for 53 years, and the current president of the Enterprise Steamer Company, Michael Pangia. Mr. Pangia, who has been the company's president for 12 years, is a former chief, assistant chief, and deputy chief, and thus has 44 years of active service. The present chief of the Enterprise Steamer Company is Howard R. Edwards, who is the youngest chief ever to serve for any Walden Fire Company.

In order to celebrate its 125th anniversary of assistance to the Walden fire district, the Enterprise Steamer Company has refurbished its original ticker tape. In addition, the original button steamer has been refurbished, and will be drawn by a team of Clydesdale horses in the anniversary parade, akin to the method in which it was used in the late 1800's. The truck used by the company at present time is a 1972 maxim pumper. Refurbished in 1985, the truck has served the company for 26 years and will also be a part of the anniversary parade.

At the 100th anniversary of the Enterprise Steamer Company, President Johnson attended the festivities. The Enterprise Steamer Company is the only company in Walden to be honored with the presence of an American President. This year, I will be attending this momentous occasion in order to pay tribute to a company which has long benefitted the people of the village of Walden. The Enterprise Steamer Company has provided an invaluable service to the community. The parade held in its honor is a tribute to all those citizens who have performed a great service to all.

HONORING JERUSALEM AS ISRAEL'S UNDIVIDED CAPITAL

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 1997

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution calling upon the Clinton administration to publicly reaffirm as United States policy that Jerusalem remain the undivided capital of Israel and congratulate the residents of Jerusalem and all of Israel on the 30th anniversary of the city's reunification. Two years ago, Congress overwhelmingly passed the Jerusalem Embassy Relocation Act of 1995. This historical legislation marked the first time that United States policy recognized Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel, and that the United States Embassy be established in the city no later than May 1999. Today, I rise to commend the House on its most recent vote on this issue. Yesterday, by an overwhelming majority, the House passed House Concurrent Resolution 60 expressing the sense of Congress that Jerusalem is the undivided capital of Israel and urging the Clinton administration to publicly affirm it. I wholeheartedly embrace this resolution.

It is imperative that the United States Government adopt a strong public policy affirming that an undivided Jerusalem must remain the capital of Israel, in support of the only democratically elected government, and America's strongest ally in the Middle East. There are good political reasons why the administration should adopt this congressional mandate as U.S. policy. More importantly, there are significant religious, historical, and moral reasons why Jerusalem must remain the undivided capital of Israel.

Jerusalem is the center of Jewish identity and worship and has been since King David made it his capital 3,000 years ago. Throughout that history, the Jewish people have been faithful stewards of the city of Jerusalem, keeping it safe and open to people of all faiths. So deep is the connection to Jerusalem that almost every piece of Jewish literature—from ancient prayers to modern stories—speaks to Jerusalem's religious and cultural significance.

Only once in its history has Jerusalem been divided—from 1948 to 1967. Barb wire and mine fields split the city, Jews were forbidden access to the sacred holy sites of Judaism, synagogues were demolished, and gravestones were torn up. Today, all Christians, Muslims, and Jews are allowed unrestricted access to their holy sites and the Israeli Government remains committed to preserving the peaceful coexistence between the diverse religious faiths which live side by side in the city.

Jerusalem has been Israel's capital since the rebirth of the state. Even with the city divided, Jerusalem was dedicated as the capital in 1948. For more than four decades, the offices of Israel's President and Prime Minister, the Knesset, and most government ministries have been located in Jerusalem.

We cannot ignore the challenge that has been placed before us if we are to see Israel survive as a free and flourishing state. We must back up our good intentions with action. Congress must ensure that adequate funds are made available to facilitate the eventual

move of the United States Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. This will send a message to our allies and foes alike that the United States will not stand for a divided Jerusalem and a war-torn Israel. I urge my colleagues to support Jerusalem's rightful place in the world as the capital of Israel.

STATEMENTS BY LUC FILLION AND EVAN PAUL, CANAAN HIGH SCHOOL, REGARDING INDUSTRIAL HEMP

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 1997

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of my colleagues I would like to have printed in the RECORD this statement by high school students from Canaan High School in Vermont, who were speaking at my recent town meeting on issues facing young people.

Mr. FILLION. Congressman Sanders, fellow students, we are here today to voice our opinion on the legalization of industrial hemp. Industrial hemp is not a drug, it is not marijuana; it is a relative of the marijuana plant, but contains virtually no delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the mind-altering drug found in marijuana. This means that industrial hemp cannot get anyone high, even the most stubborn pot smoker.

There are innumerable benefits to be gained from the cultivation of industrial hemp. If only 6% of the contiguous United States were used to grow hemp, it could supply to us all of the electricity, heat, and all the fuel we need for our cars. Hemp could also be used to make stronger and more moisture-resistant paper which would stop paper from shrinking, curling or deteriorating as easily. An acre of hemp can produce four times as much paper as an acre of trees, saving this country's diminishing forests and the rainforest.

Vermont definitely could benefit from industrial hemp's legalization. If Vermont's agricultural and dairy farmers would turn to industrial hemp as their main asset, the farmers could quadruple their agricultural income.

These are just a few of the ways that industrial hemp can be utilized. We would like to know why we are striving if this invaluable resource can help us so tremendously with our problems today?

Mr. PAUL. Hemp can be used to improve so many of the products that we use today. It can be used in ropes and sails for ships; stronger papers and materials ranging in quality from burlap to silk; and healthier, less fatty foods, especially meat substitutes and birdseed.

Hemp can be used for fuel with a 95% efficiency conversion, and unlike fossil fuels (petroleum) or nuclear power, it is a renewable and replenishable resource, and it is extremely easy to grow in nearly all climates, including Vermont's.

Hemp fiber needs little more than nitrogen to grow. Even here in Vermont hemp and other cannabis plants grow wild in ditches and forests. In fact, Australia survived two 19th century famines on the seeds and leaves of industrial hemp alone.

Mr. FILLION. Many officials believe that legalizing hemp would lead to the legalization of marijuana and eventually even harder drugs such as cocaine and heroin. There is no basis whatever for these assumptions. Industrial hemp, as we have stated, is not a drug,